

REMARKS

As noted in MPEP 714.16, an amendment after allowance which affects the disclosure or claims should:

- (A) be needed for proper disclosure or protection of the invention;
- (b) require no substantial amount of additional work on the part of the USPTO (e.g., no additional search or examination).

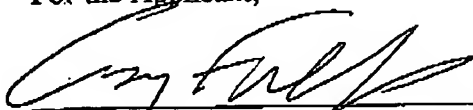
Here, the proposed amendment is needed for proper disclosure of the invention since claims 12 and 13, if not canceled, may generate confusion. Claim 1 was previously amended to incorporate claim 4, but the limitations of claim 4 are also in part recited in claims 12 and 13. Thus, if claims 12 and 13 are retained, they may generate issues under 35 USC §112(2).

Further, since the amendment does not affect the claims nor otherwise add new matter, it requires no substantial amount of additional work on the part of the USPTO.

1. In Closing

If any questions regarding the application arise, please contact the undersigned attorney. Telephone calls related to this application are welcomed and encouraged. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments relating to this application to deposit account number 18-2055.

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